

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson. Member Absent: Robert Howard.
3. Provide and review correspondence and other documents:
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants October 2009
-Council members received copies of treasurer's warrants for the month of October 2009. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or Finance Director.
 - b. Monthly Reports from Department Heads
-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager.
 - c. Letter from DEP regarding Buckstown Heritage Industrial Park
-Town Manager shared a letter from DEP explaining that the subdivision on which Buckstown Heritage Industrial Park was built is in violation as DEP indicated that proper permits were not obtained. Therefore DEP is requesting that Robert Wardwell & Son, Inc. and the Town Bucksport obtain after-the-fact permits for the project.
4. Consider introducing amendments to the proposed ordinance Appendix K Land Use Ordinance

Joel Wardwell, Chairman for the Ordinance Committee reported the committee's findings regarding several comments received from citizens regarding the proposed Land Use Ordinance resulting in proposed amendments to the proposed ordinance entitled "Appendix K Land Use Ordinance".

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to introduce amendments to the proposed ordinance Appendix K Land Use Ordinance.
5. Open and consider bids for sale of tax-acquired property

One bid was received in the amount of \$3,000.02 from David and Lisa Raymond.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-55 awarding bid for tax acquired property to David and Lisa Raymond in the amount of \$3,000.02.

6. Hear request from Jeff Leadbetter for an easement to install a drain and underground propane tank on town property in the area of the town dock

Town Manager reviewed the request from Jeff Leadbetter for an easement to install a propane tank and line to be buried underground along with a underground drain to the Penobscot River for run off from roof drains.

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-56 referring this request to the Ordinance Committee for a proposed ordinance

7. Hold public hearing regarding the 2009 Enterprise Grant for Main Street and Peary's Landing

Town Manager reported the \$150,000 Enterprise Grant for Main Street and Peary's Landing was used to construct the waterwheel, shallow pool with fountain, cupola, street signs and signage, walkway to main street and paving parking lot. This project received the Governor's Award issued by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development as the "Project of the Year."

8. Consider Resolve #R-2010-42 authorizing expenditure for a study to determine the feasibility of community wind power

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-42.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2010-47 awarding contract for engineering services for improvements and permitting for the Silver Lake Boat Landing

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-47.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2010-48 awarding contract for engineering services for improvements and permitting for Phase II at the Buckstown Heritage Industrial Park

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-48.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2010-49 regarding Consent Agreement between John and Donna Pereira and the Town of Bucksport

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-49.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2010-50 authorizing expenditure from the Police Equipment Reserve Account

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-50.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2010-51 regarding request of Tamra Hanson to relocate two public drain pipes that currently extend across her property

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-51.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2010-52 authorizing application to be submitted to Public Utilities Commission (Main Efficiency) for an energy grant to replace the heating system at the wastewater treatment plant

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-52.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2010-53 application to be submitted to Public Utilities Commission (Main Efficiency) for an energy grant to study the feasibility of a wood fired facility at the Buckstown Heritage Industrial Park

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-53.

16. Consider Resolve #R-2010-54 authorizing the submittal of a Letter of Intent to the Office of Economic and Community Development for a Public Facility Grant and Public Infrastructure Grant

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-54.

17. Issue Licenses or permits, if any

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Wayne Mayo, d/b/a Katchall Auctions Downeast.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Miscellaneous License for George MacLeod,

d/b/a MacLeod's Restaurant for off premises catering privileges f/b/o Northeast Historic Film/fundraiser.

18. Sign the sewer commitment

Council members signed quarterly sewer commitment.

19. Hear report from Town Manager regarding the following:

- a. The 2009 Housing Assistance CDBG
 - The contract has been signed and construction began during the first week in November. The contractor is busy doing work on the exterior of the building that includes excavating for the new catch basin and footings for the port-couch ere. The kitchen equipment is being ordered and the project should be completed by early spring.
- b. Financials for the period ending 10-31-2009
 - Revenues continue to meet or exceed projections except for Maine Revenue Sharing; this account may fall short by at least \$30,000 to \$40,000. There are ample funds in the reserve account to offset the shortage. If you have any questions regarding the Revenue or Expense Reports, please see Finance Director or myself.
- c. Bangor Gas Tax Appeal
 - Bangor Gas has appealed its request for abatement for their 2008-2009 taxes to the state board. I expect the state board to provide the town with a hearing date or dates within the next few months. Carol and I still feel very comfortable with the town's position and continue to be baffled why they are still pursuing the request.
- d. Enterprise and MTIF Grants
 - Both of these grants have been closed out and all activities have been completed except for the sign on the bridge. We expect the new sign to be installed on the Bucksport-Verona Bridge in the next few days.
- e. Senior Citizens' Study
 - Debbie has met several times with the Bucksport Senior Group to begin implementing the goals outlined by the report. I will have Debbie present a report to the Town Council at the December 10th meeting.

20. Discussion items

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to take up a quitclaim deed for paid sewer liens that was not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to issue quitclaim deed for paid sewer liens to David and Tiffany Webster.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, November 19th, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

21. Adjournment

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary